

Sullivan County NH

Type of Meeting: Sullivan County Full Delegation
Place: Newport Remington Woodhull County Complex
Date/Time: October 6, 2006/10:00 AM
Superior Court Courtroom

Members Present: Rep. John Cloutier, Rep. Larry Converse, Rep. Thomas Donovan, Rep. Brenda Ferland, Rep. Peter Franklin, Rep. Harry Gale, Rep. Arthur Jillette, Rep. Jay Phinizy, Rep. Steve Prichard, Rep. Beverly Rodeschin, Rep. Joe Osgood.

Commissioners Present: Ethel Jarvis, Don Clarke

Commissioner Jarvis led the pledge to the flag.

The minutes for July 14, 2006 were approved by voice vote with Rep. Ferland abstaining.

The County Manager, Mr. Ed Gil de Rubio, introduced the newly hired Nursing Home Administrator – Mr. Scott Wojtkiewicz. Mr. Wojtkiewicz has worked for the Genesis Corporation for the past 11 years in a variety of assignments as a nursing home administrator.

New Business: Discussion of MS 42 Form:

Mr. Gil de Rubio provided a general discussion of the MS 42 Form, and the changes that were made to bring the form into condition to satisfy the DRA. The changes to the MS42 were spelled out in a pass out sheet dated 10/5/2006, that is attached to this report. It was emphasized that the figures in the report are all best estimates of anticipated results.

There was a further discussion of the MS42 Form and the significance of the figures presented in the report. There were questions raised about the information that was reported, 2nd the auditor was requested to provide additional information at a later date.

Rep. Ferland moved, and Rep. Prichard seconded a motion to accept the revised MS42 with a bottom line of \$25,998,660.00 and to allow it to be submitted to the Department of Revenue Administration in Concord.

(Below is the budget summary on the MS42 form discussed at the meeting.)

BUDGET SUMMARY	
Total Voted Appropriations	25,998,660.00
Total revenues	16,714,939.00
Amount Certified to be Raised by Taxes	9,283,721.00

On a roll call vote, the Delegation voted 8-3 to approve Rep. Fenland's motion.
Vote YES – Cloutier, Ferland, Gale, Jillette, Phinizy, Prichard, Rodeschin, Osgood.
Vote NO - Converse, Donovan, Franklin.

A motion by Rep. Gale, seconded by Rep. Prichard that the delegation attend the audit exit interview and ask questions there. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Rep. Cloutier was of the opinion that the Delegation could meet again by Friday October 20 @ 10:00 AM to approve minutes and accept the audit report. Rep. Franklin has questions about changes made since first draft of the report. Rep. Prichard feels that the Commissioners should request the auditors to provide explanations for changes made in the two versions of the report.

Comm. Clarke discussed the Judkins property easement. (254 acres near Charlestown town line.) The easement will cost \$44.5K to be paid to the county. The town is raising the cost of the easement. He has an opinion from the County Attorney that the Commissioners have a right to sign the easement. He is just bringing the delegation up to date on the activity.

Rep. Phinizy questioned the interpretation by the County Attorney that the proposed easement need not be approved by the delegation.

Rep. Phinizy felt that the delegation should review and approve the proposed easement with Unity due to the fact that a significant amount of time has elapsed since a former delegation had approved the easement; there has been a change in the composition of the delegation; and that these are changes to the terms of the proposed easement.

Rep. Franklin requested, and was granted a 5-minute recess for personal reasons.

Following the recess, suggestions for the 2006-2008-budget process was discussed. More evening meetings were suggested. A better-advanced schedule needs to be developed. There was a suggestion that the EFC be reduced to 3 members.

Rep. Gale thanked Rep. Ferland for her work as chair of the EFC. Rep. Franklin felt that the Commissioners and the Delegation EFC should meet separately at different times and should not meet Jointly. Rep. Rodeschin noted that the State has joint meetings of their finance committees. Rep. Prichard noted that this will save time and people.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Cloutier was reminded regarding a question he was supposed to ask the Attorney General's office. He will tend to it in the near future.

Rep. Ferland reported on a conference she attended on Mental Illness and the Corrections System.

Rep. Rodeschin moved and Rep. Osgood seconded a motion to adjourn. Passed by unanimous voice vote at 12:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur Jillette Jr".

Rep. Arthur Jillette, Jr. *Delegation Clerk*
Sullivan County Delegation